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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application for:

**Bradford H. Needham, et al.**

Serial No.: 09/912,427

Filed: October 23, 2001

For: **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR IMAGE  
SHARING BASED ON FACES IN AN IMAGE**

Examiner: To Be Determined

Art Group: 2152

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Petitions  
Commissioner for Patents  
Post Office Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In connection with the filing of the Non-Provisional Utility Application under Rule 1.53(b), Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendment prior to initial examination. This amendment merely withdraws Figure 3, as well as all references to Figure 3 in the Specification. No new matter is added, and no claims have been amended.

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